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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REACTION TO KISSINGER-SCALI REMARKS ON
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1. ON DECEMBER 8 MEXICAN PRESS GAVE VERY PROMINENT COVERAGE TO SEC. KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO PRESS IN SUPPORT OF AMB. SCALI'S SPEECH AT UN. INFLUENTIAL LEFTIST EXCELSIOR RAN HEADLINE "US FEARS TYRANNY OF MAJORITY DECLARES HK" AND QUOTED NOT ONLY BOTH US OFFICIALS BUT ALSO THE WARNINGS OF THE FRENCH AND FRG AMBASSADORS TO THE UN THAT THE CHARTER DECISION BODES ILL FOR THE FUTURE OF THAT INTERNATIONAL BODY. MODERATE NOVEDADES QUOTED SCALI'S REMARKS ON THE DECLINE OF AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN IMPAIRING US PARTICIPATION IN THE UN IN A FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED "THE DISCONTENT OF THE US WITH THE UN; A CRISIS FEARED".

2. THESE NEWS STORIES WERE FOLLOWED UP DECEMBER 9 BY EDITORIALS AND COLUMNS IN SEVERAL MEXICO CITY DAILIES. EXCELSIOR EDITORIALIZED THAT THE REAL FOCUS OF TYRANNY IN THE UN IS THE GREAT POWER VETO RIGHT IN UNSC AND THAT TYRANNY IS NOT REALLY POSSIBLE IN A SYSTEM BASED ON THE CONSENSUS OF THE MAJORITY. NEVERTHELESS, THIS PAPER CALLED ON THE LDC'S TO EXERCISE THIS
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NEW POWER WITH A LIVELY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. NOVEDADES

EDITORIALIZED THAT WHILE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PASS OVER THE
OPINION OF THE GREAT POWERS, NEITHER IS IT ADMISSIBLE FOR THE
POWERS TO CONTINUE IGNORING THE CLAIMS OF THE MAJORITY OF
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